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District Attorney Daniel F. Conley
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office
One Bulfinch Place
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Dear District Attorney Conley,

I am writing to inform you that we investigated a breach of the recording protocol with respect to a single batch of ninety drug samples tested at the William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute on June 14, 2011. At the conclusion of our investigation, there was no evidence that this breach in protocol had any impact of the integrity of the samples or the accuracy of the sample analysis. In addition, these samples were received exclusively from Norfolk County; no samples from any other county were involved.

Please be assured that measures were immediately taken to ensure the continued proper compliance with protocol procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Han", written over a horizontal line.

Linda Han, MD, MPH, Director
Bureau of Laboratory Sciences